

REMARKS

The Office Action dated September 19, 2007, has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments and the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

The Office Action required restriction between Group I, claims 1 – 4 drawn to a method of coating and Group II claims 5 – 9 drawn to the apparatus. It was stated that the claims did not all relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because Group I did not require the same special technical feature of a gas jet nozzle with an electrode attached as recited in Group II. Claim 1 has been amended to require the same special technical feature as recited in Group II, more specifically, as recited in independent claim 5. Consequently, the basis for the restriction requirement has been rendered moot and examination is requested on all of claims 1 – 9.

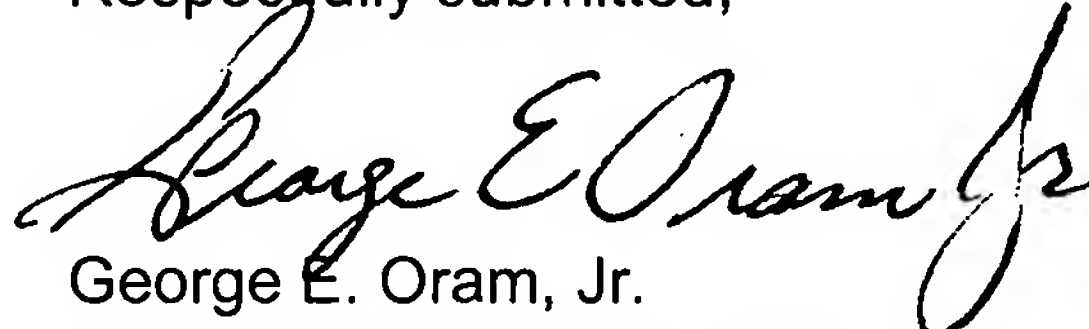
To the extent that the requirement is held to remain, the applicant traverses the same. Further, in accordance with Patent Office procedure, the applicant provisionally elects Group II, the apparatus, claims 5 – 9. However, as noted above, there is no longer any basis for the requirement and therefore, examination of all of the pending claims is requested.

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone

number listed below to schedule a personal or telephone interview to discuss any remaining issues.

In the event that this paper is not being timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account Number 01-2300, referencing Docket Number 108347-00032.

Respectfully submitted,



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